

Application No.: 10/590,010

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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 (Canceled)

2 (Currently Amended): The thrust needle bearing according to claim [[1]] 8, wherein the value of the arithmetic average roughness Ra of a pocket guide face of said cage [[3]] is set to at most 0.4 μm .

3 (Currently Amended): The thrust needle bearing according to claim [[1]] 8, wherein the value of the arithmetic average roughness Ra of said race ~~(1a, 1b)~~ is set to at most 0.5 μm .

4 (Currently Amended): The thrust needle bearing according to claim [[1]] 8, used in a compressor for an air conditioner.

5 (Currently Amended): The thrust needle bearing according to claim [[1]] 8, used in an automatic transmission.

6 (Currently Amended): A thrust needle bearing employing lubricating oil and having a rolling element [[2]] held by a cage [[3]] and rolling on a race ~~(1a, 1b)~~, wherein the clearance between a pocket guide face of said cage [[3]] and said rolling element [[2]] is set to at least 60 μm and at most 130 μm .

7 (Currently Amended): The thrust needle bearing according to claim 6, wherein said cage ~~(3)~~ is a W-type is a wavy-shaped cage.

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8 (Currently Amended): ~~[[The]] A thrust needle bearing according to claim 6, wherein~~
employing lubricating oil and having a rolling element held by a cage and rolling on a race,
wherein

the clearance between a pocket guide face of said cage and said rolling element is set to
at least 60 μm and at most 130 μm , and

the value of the arithmetic average roughness Ra of said rolling element ~~[[(2)]]~~ is set to at
least 0.03 μm and at most 0.15 μm .

9 (Original): The thrust needle bearing according to claim 6, used in a compressor for an
air conditioner.

10 (Original): The thrust needle bearing according to claim 6, used in an automatic
transmission.